process Control, Computer Software have been recognised as potential areas for technology transfer to countries such as Australia, Canada, France, Italy, U.K.

Stopping the import of kits for colour Televisions

*312. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to stop the import of kits for colour television in a phased manner; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The import of the kits for the Colour Television is not permitted as per the import policy.

(b) Does not arise.

Mutual benefit scheme

*313. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what amounts were seized by the Income Tax Department in various raids conducted on the premises of persons running 'mutual benefit schemes' in Punjab in August, 1983;

(b) what was the number of claims filed so far by different persons aggrieved by the operation of these schemes;

(c) whether these claimants/victims were afforded an opportunity of hearing and what decisions have been taken on their claims for the return of the money illegally received from them;

(d) whether any investigation has been conducted to ascertain whether the operators had any linkages which could prove prejudicial to the State; and

(e) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) A search under the Income-tax Act which was conducted in August 1983 in the premises of the firm M/s Janta Janta Scheme, Sirhind, Punjab resulted in the seizure of unaccounted cash of Rs. 67.34 lakhs.

(b) 88,921 claims were filed by different persons with the Income Tax Department.

(c) Yes, Sir. While assessing the income of the firm, due opportunities to claimants regarding the depqsits with the firm were given. The money was not illegally received from the claimants by the Department.

(d) and (e) No evidence of linkages which could prove prejudicial to the State has come to the Notice of the Income Tax Department.

Accredited correspondents by PIB

*314. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 316 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th Nov., 1986; and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several information officers have been appointed to cater to the requirements of the accredited correspondents by the Press Information Bureau for every Ministry of Govenment and its departments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these Information Officers have been discriminating in the issue of hand-outs and information to a selected few of their choice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Varous Publicity Officers of the Press Information Bureau have been attending to the publicity work of Ministries/Departments.

(b) Details are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) The officers of the Press Information Bureau are attached to different Ministries and Departments of the Government of India at the Headquarters. The Bureau puts out factual information on Governmental programmes and activities. There is no discrimination in the dissemination of information by the Bureau in respect of various ministries and departments.

Statement

Details of various Ministry/Deptts. and the no. of Publicity officers attending to the Publicity Work of these Ministries/Deptt. in Press information Bureau

Name of Ministry/Department	No. of Officers looking after publicity work		
	DPIO	I.O.	AIO
1	2	3	4
1. Presidents Sectt 2. Prime Minister's Sectt.	..	2	..
3. Vice Presdient's Sectt. 4. Ministry of External Affairs	..	1	..
5. Min. of Agriculture, Rural Dev. & Fertilisers. 6. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas	1	..	3
7. Min. of Civil Aviation 8. Min. of Surface Transport	..	1	..
9. Min. of Commerce 10. Min. of Textiles	1	..	2
11. Min. of Communications	..	1	1
12. Min. of Defence	1	1	..
13. Min. of Energy	..	1	..
14. Min. of Environment & Forests 15. Min. of Welfare	..	1	..
16. Min. of Finance	1	1	..
17. Min of Food & Civil Supplies 18. Min. of Law & Justice	..	1	2
19. Min. of Health & Family Welfare	1	..	1
20. Min. of Home Affairs 21. Min. of Personnel Public Grievances, Pensions etc. 22. Election Commission	1	1	..
23. Min. of Human Resources Dev.	1	..	1
24. Min. of Industry	1	..	2
25. Min. of Inf. & Broadcasting	..	1	1
26. Min of Labour 27. Union Public Service Commission	..	1	..

1	2	3	4
28. Min of Planning 29. Min. of Programme Implementation 30. Min. of Railway 31. Min. of Sci. & Technology 32. Deptt. of Electronics 33. Deptt. of Atomic Energy 34. Deptt. of Space 35. Deptt. of Ocean Development 36. Min. of Tourism 37. Deptt. of parl. Affairs	1 1	.. ..	.. ..
38. Min. of Urban Development	..	1	..
39. Min. of Water Resources	..	1	..
40. Min. of Steel & Mines	1	..	..
TOTAL PUBLICITY OFFICER IN PIB	11	17	15

N.B.: All the above officers are looking after the Publicity work relating to the various Department including Public Sector undertakings which are controlled by the Ministries mentioned above.

Participation of non-resident Indians in the housing sector

@*314-A. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to encourage the Non-Resident Indians to invest in the housing construction schemes in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal regarding the Non-Resident Indians' participation in the housing sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) A suggestion to permit non-resident Indians to invest in the housing construction activity in India has been reviewed. However, no decision has been taken so far to permit such investment.

(b) The question does not arise.

@Priviously Starred Question 335 transferred from the 20th March, 1987.

Contraband Goods recovered at Barauni and Darbhanga

*315. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item that appeared in the Hindustan Times of 28th October, 1986 wherein it has been stated that contraband goods worth Rs. 27 lakhs were recovered in separate raids at Barauni and Darbhanga districts of Bihar, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the names of the persons arrested; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to prevent such happening in the State in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Government's attention has been